

(c) The Government of India is providing assistance to the States / UTs including Assam in marketing the products of small scale industrial units through Central Government Stores Purchase Programme and by sales of SSI products through the State Marketing Agencies and their outlets.

(d) As per the latest RBI data, the number of sick small scale industrial units in Assam at the end of September, 1990 stood at 4,448.

(e) Government are helping revival of viable sick small scale industrial units including those in Assam through:-

- (i) issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to Scheduled Commercial banks from time to time;
- (ii) setting up of State Level Inter-Institutional Committee (SLIIC) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department;
- (iii) National Equity Fund operated by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI); and
- (iv) The Centrally Sponsored Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick small scale units.

As a followup of the new policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6-8-91, a Committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements of small scale industries has also been appointed *vide* RBI Memorandum dated 9-12-91.

#### **Commission on Bonded Labour**

\*818. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision to set up a Commission on Bonded Labour has since been taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA)

(a) to (c). The proposal to constitute the National Commission on Bonded Labour has been examined in detail. The Government consider that setting up another Commission is not necessary at this stage. What is required is better implementation of the provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. The implementation of the Act by the State Governments is being closely monitored.

#### **Seminar by B. I. S.**

\*819. SHRISHRAVANKUMAR PATEL

: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on safety at workshop was organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the occasion of World Standards Day on October 15, 1991;

(b) if so, the observations and suggestions made at the seminar; and

(c) the steps taken and directions issued/being issued to improve the safety conditions in the Workshop especially where children are working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) .Yes, Sir.